

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of Claims 5-7, 11-14 and 16 under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Browne et al.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of Claims 9 and 14 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Browne in view of Yang et al.

New claims have been added to further limit the invention. No new matter has been added.

The invention as claimed in new claim 17 relates to a method of enabling a user to access content. A user identifies a device to which a plurality of contents will be broadcasted. A local user interface for locally controlling the device is associated with the device. The user also selects a future broadcasted content from the plurality of contents. The invention also comprises setting up the device to record the content when the content is broadcasted to the device. The selecting and the identifying are done at a location remote from the device via a user interface different from the associated user interface.

Applicant respectfully submits that Browne does not disclose the user identifying a device and selecting future broadcasted content over a user interface different from a local user interface associated with the device that is used to locally control the device.

Indeed in Browne, the user controls the player 100 via controller 105.

"The controller 105 generates a virtual control screen which may be placed on any screen to control of any one or more playback or recording processes. If a user wishes to view programs on several monitors simultaneously, the controller 105 can either operate multiple virtual control screens, one or more for each output monitor, or for each program window. Alternatively, the user may control all screens from one controller, portions of which may be dragged between screens, such as in Apple Macintosh computer with multiple screens."

Browne's "virtual control screen" is equivalent to the claimed user interface associated with the device for locally controlling the device. Browne does not disclose an additional different user interface such as the web site as claimed in claim 17 that the user accesses over the Internet.



Browne does not disclose the claim limitation of the selecting and the identifying being done over the Internet via a web site different from the associated user interface for locally controlling the device and claim 17 is therefore patentable over Browne.

With respect to new independent claims 18 and 19, Browne does not disclose a server on the Internet receiving user input and setting up the device to record a future content broadcast. Browne only disclose controlling player 100 by means of controller 105. Browne does not disclose another element on the Internet to which the user can provide input. Browne also discloses controller 105 operating a communication session with a remote computer:

"The multi-source recorder player 100 can also preferably access databases of compressed and non-compressed audio and video data. The multi-source recorder player 100 can access databases through one or more of the input ports. For example, controller 105 can operate a communication session with a remote computer via signal path 101g of the multi-source recorder player 100. The remote computer can be connected via an ISDN network connection, for example" (page 8, last paragraph)

However, Browne does not disclose the user providing input to the remote computer and the remote computer being configured to set up player 100 to record a future broadcast of a selected content. In addition, Browne does not disclose any of the input signals 101a-h being received from a server to set up player 100 to record a future broadcast of a content. Thus, Browne does not disclose independent claims 18 and 19 and claims 18 and 19 are patentable over Browne.

It is respectfully submitted that independent Claims 17-19 are patentable over Browne. It is also respectfully submitted that dependent Claims 20-23 are patentable over Browne at least based on their dependencies.

Applicant respectfully submits that he has answered all issues raised by the Examiner and that the application is accordingly in condition for allowance. Such allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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